

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-13 are pending in this office action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Trenton J. Roche (Reg. No. 61,164) on 04/09/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In line 20 of claim 1, please delete the phrase "determination on the information of the extraction extent" and replace with the phrase --determination on information of an extraction extent--.

In line 15 of claim 13, please delete the phrase "determination on the information of the extraction extent" and replace with the phrase -- determination on information of an extraction extent --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

After a search and a thorough examination of the present amended application, and in light of the prior art made of record, claims 1, 3-8, and 10-13 are allowed.

The prior art of record neither teaches nor fairly suggests in combination elements as recited in the applicant's independent claims such as "an extracting unit that extracts detailed information characterizing a class and a property which is included in at least one referenced dictionary and which is referenced by a referencing dictionary, the detailed information including one of a name or a definition concerning the class of the property", "a dictionary data organizing scheme-determining unit that accepts an input of the referencing dictionary having added the detailed information, and makes a determination on the information of an extraction extent of the referenced dictionary included in the accepted referencing dictionary" and "a dictionary database-structuring unit that structures the referencing dictionary according to one of a result of the determination by the dictionary data organizing scheme determining unit or a previously stored version of the information on the specifying scheme of the extraction extent of the reference dictionary".

The dependent claims, being definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to REZWANUL MAHMOOD whose telephone number is (571)272-5625. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 10 A.M. - 5 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571)272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2164

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